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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Logistics

SUBJECT : Transportation of Employees to [redacted]
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REFERENCE : Memorandum to AD/O from Chief of Logistics, dtd 19 Mar'54,
this subject.

1. Referenced memorandum is most opportune since determination of the legality of providing transportation for employees at the [redacted] [redacted] can be broadened to include transportation of employees at the new [redacted] in the [redacted]. It is hoped that these considerations can be resolved rapidly in order to allow revision of the Table of Organization and budget estimates if necessary.

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2. Enclosure 2 to referenced memorandum is General Counsel's opinion on the transportation problem for the [redacted] warehouse. In it General Counsel cites a Comptroller General opinion to the effect that the transportation in question is not permitted to be paid from appropriated funds "unless provided for in the appropriation either expressly or by necessary implication." It is believed that any provision in the appropriation for transportation would be at the Agency "appropriation" level rather than the office or division "allocation" level. Regulation [redacted] paragraphs a (2) and (4), defines the difference between "appropriation" and "allocation." It would seem, therefore, that any provision in the [redacted] budget for transportation of employees to their place of employment would merely constitute Agency administrative approval which, according to the Comptroller General, "in nowise transfers the obligation to the Government."

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3. Although not believed germane to the consideration of this problem, the following information is submitted:

a. The Table of Organization provides for one Chauffeur-Custodian at the [redacted]. Approximately 50 percent of this employee's time is devoted to driving the Agency shuttle bus on the [redacted] run. No other provision in the [redacted] budget is made for this type of transportation.

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b. At the [redacted] Table of Organization provides for two [redacted] Chauffeurs who devote a small percentage of their time to custodial duties in addition to driving the vehicles for transportation of personnel. Also, approximately \$3,000 has been provided for operation of [redacted] vehicles which sum would be reduced by approximately two-thirds if transportation of personnel to their place of

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employment was discontinued. One bus is maintained for this transportation purpose at [] and a second bus will be required after the move to [] in view of the longer distance and greater dependence on bureau transportation. The cost of this second bus is estimated at \$4200 and replacement of one or the other of the two busses will be required approximately every two years.

4. Justification for providing transportation from central pick-up points to [] installations is as follows:

a. [] must of necessity be remote from other housing and building which would normally make it worth the while of a public transportation company to provide a bus or streetcar route.

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c. Since the operation and staff are stretched over most of the twenty-four hours in a day to meet [] requirements, car pools or other cooperative transportation plans are awkward if not impossible to form.

5. For the reasons set forth in paragraphs 4 (a), (b) and (c) above, discontinuance of transportation for personnel to the place of employment would require each individual to provide himself with an automobile or other mode of transportation. While not impossible, this would present very serious problems to personnel in the lower-income brackets and would probably have a very adverse effect on recruiting. Other things being equal, the job seeker is not likely to impose on himself a substantial transportation problem if he can find employment elsewhere.

6. It is recommended that the case for continued provision of transportation for [] employees from central pick-up points to [] be presented as favorably as possible and that this office be advised of the outcome of such representations in time to revise, if necessary, the FY 55 budget and to include or exclude transportation items in the FY 56 budget.

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Acting Assistant Director for Operations

cc: Comptroller

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